



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville City Council's Land Use Committee and the Somerville Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021** at 6:30pm. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

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The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments concerning the following proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:

Clarifications and corrections to Section 2.1 Glossary.

Clarifications to Section 2.3 Building Types Overview.

Clarifications to and reorganization of Section 2.4 Standards & Measurements and corresponding building type table corrections.

Clarification to the "Development Review" section of every zoning district.

Clarifications and corrections to Sections 3.1 Neighborhood Residence and 3.2 Urban Residence.

Affirmation of the intended applicability of certain façade design standards in the MR3, MR4, MR5, and MR6 zoning districts to newly constructed facades and buildings.

Clarification of the Block Building and Commercial Block Building descriptions.

Clarifications to and reorganization of Section 8.3 Master Planned Development.

Correction of the Public Service use definition in Section 9.2 Use Definitions & Standards.

A clarification to Section 10.2 Accessory Structures concerning development review.

A correction to Section 10.3 Landscaping concerning a reference to national standards.

Affirmation of the actual eligibility for the entitlements of Section 12.3 Buyouts & Payments.

Clarifications to and reorganization of Sections 10.1 Land Platting and 13.2 Thoroughfares.

An Amendment repealing the two-story building base design guideline in the MR5 and MR6 districts due to a conflict with other standards.

An Amendment to Section 7.4 Assembly Square Mixed Use (ASMD) district creating a payment in-lieu of civic space located within close proximity to Interstate 93.

An Amendment to Section 9.2 Use Definitions & Standards to create the Recharging Station principal use category.

An Amendment to Section 10.2 Accessory Structures to create an Electric Vehicle Charging Station accessory structure.

An Amendment to prohibit vehicular entrances to parking along pedestrian streets.

An Amendment to Section 15.4 Certificates to align the timeframe for review and issuance of a Certificate of Zoning Compliance with other established processes and to correct the validity of Certificates of Zoning Compliance.

The proposed ordinance amendments identified above are posted online at http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=3073 under SZO Corrections Amendments. Final language of the above amendments may be modified by the City Council during the legislative process. Persons unable to attend the hearing may provide comments by email to planning@somervillema.gov.